

# World Cup 2010 News Summary

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## A selection of World Cup 2010 highlights from the media

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**Security Analysts Report Drop in Crime Due to 'Strengthened' Policing for World Cup** -- Times Live reported on 17 June that “the police have been given the thumbs-up by security analysts who say that crime around the country has been reduced thanks to strengthened policing for the World Cup.” The report quoted the head of the crime and justice program at the Institute for Security Studies as saying, “There's a much higher number of officers [on duty] than normal because all police are on high alert and all leave has been cancelled.” The report added that “about 44,000 of 190,000 police officers have been deployed for the World Cup,” and further quoted the official as saying that “the rest of the country is not at all vulnerable” as a result.

**Stadium Stewards Not 'Properly Vetted' Before Recruitment** -- Cape Times Online reported on 16 June that some of the stadium stewards at the Cape Town stadium were hired “only a week ahead of the tournament's kick-off, barely enough time to be properly vetted by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA).” According to Johan Burger, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies, it would take at least two weeks for large groups, as in the case of security guards for the World Cup, to be vetted, as required by FIFA. Burger added that “a week would be far too short if you're dealing with large numbers of people.”

**Report Lauds Police, Courts For Handling of World Cup Crime, Terror Threats** -- On 16 June E News reported that despite numerous reports of crime and security guard protests, the South African Police Service [SAPS] has not received criticism. Instead, the SAPS has proved guarantees that “we are ready,” evident by the efficient manner in which police and the 56 World Cup courts have dealt with petty crime and processed cases. The SAPS has also been effective in calming fears of Al-Qa'ida threats to the US, England, Dutch and Danish teams. There are also calls for the World Cup court template to be maintained after the conclusion to the World Cup

**Disgruntled Security Guards Attempt To Set Fire To Employer's Offices** -- According to SAPA on 16 June two World Cup stadium security guards tried to set fire to their employer's office. However, they were

stopped by their colleagues, who had gathered outside the Stallion Security premises to protest low wages. Police fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowd, but the protestors are expected to move to Botha Park later in the day, where they will be joined by disgruntled street vendors who want to support their strike.

**World Cup Court Sentences Pretoria Man After Defrauding US Tourist** -- SAPA on 16 June reported that one of the dedicated World Cup courts sentenced a man convicted of defrauding a US tourist to 18 months in prison. National Prosecuting Authority [NPA] spokesperson, Mthunzi Mhaga, said that Johan Nel was arrested on 12 March after tricking a US visitor into renting a car and allowing about 2,000 rand to be deposited into his account. Nel has a criminal history with more than 10 previous convictions for fraud and theft.

**Eskom Guarantees Sufficient Power Supply During World Cup** -- According to Engineering News on 15 June Eskom has guaranteed that the country has sufficient power supply despite increasingly cold temperatures and the pressure of providing energy to the World Cup. Eskom said that "there is adequate capacity to supply the expected increase in demand" and has contingency measures in place should a workers' union strike go ahead. Nevertheless, Energy Minister Dipuo Peters called on consumers to reduce power consumption and to refrain from "criminal practices" to steal electricity.

**Workers at World Cup 2010 Stadium Sing 'Kill The Boer' During Protest** -- Beeld Online reported on 15 June that security guards at Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium sang the "bring me my machine gun" and "Kill the Boer, Kill the farmer" songs during a protest against low wages and the termination of their contracts. According to the workers, they were told that they had to take the day's wages and leave after they were asked to sign an undertaking not to go on strike again. The guards complained that they had to sign contracts on which their remuneration was not written in. Following the protests, police deployed 1 000 officials to attend to security at Ellis Park stadium.

**Touts Out in 'Force' with World Cup Tickets for 'Desperate' Soccer Fans** -- The Star Online reported on 16 June that World Cup ticket touts were "in full force" outside the Sandton ticketing center yesterday. According to the report, The Star was offered tickets for various upcoming matches by no fewer than six different people while standing outside the ticketing center. While some tickets were being sold "for an arm and a leg", others were available at their face value.

**President Praises Nation, Youth for Successful World Cup** -- On 16 June SAPA reported that President Jacob Zuma has praised South Africans for the success of the world cup and urged citizens to stand behind the national team in its next group match. Zuma said that South Africans have shown "amazing patriotism and national pride" and have "made us proud as government." In particular, he thanked the youth for volunteering to help with various World Cup activities. The president was speaking on the 34th anniversary of the 16 June 1976 uprising in which the youth stood up to apartheid and which, according to him, "was in a large measure all about realising opportunities such as hosting the World Cup."

**FIFA Files Charges Against Women Apparently Promoting Dutch Beer** -- AFP reported on 16 June that FIFA has filed charges against organizers of a campaign for dressing 36 women in short orange dresses in Soccer City stadium, apparently to promote a Dutch beer. According to the report, FIFA stated that women were "used by a large Dutch brewery as an instrument for an ambush marketing campaign". The Dutch Embassy in Pretoria made enquiries with South African authorities about the grounds on which their citizens were held.

**World Cup Boosts Tourism Industry** – Times Live reported on 17 June that “The World Cup is paying off for the tourism and hospitality industry.” The reported said: “At a FIFA briefing yesterday, local organising committee spokesman Rich Mkhondo said 456,000 foreigners arrived in the country between June 1 and June 13, compared with 345,000 during the corresponding period last year.”